IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended)   A method, comprising:

sending prescription information for a therapeutic agent for a patient to a dispensing apparatus;

giving the patient a unique authorization code that is not capable of being reused;

the patient entering the authorization code into the dispensing apparatus;

the patient being able to selectively cancel the transaction and after cancelling the transaction, receiving a traditional prescription, wherein when the patient cancels the transaction, the traditional prescription is printed by the dispensing apparatus; and

if the patient does not cancel the transaction, the patient receiving the prescribed therapeutic agent from the dispensing apparatus.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the patient receives the prescribed therapeutic agent from the dispensing apparatus without the intervention of a pharmacist.

3. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the unique authorization code is given to the patient by a health care provider at a health care facility.

4. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the unique authorization code is given to the patient by a pharmacist or pharmacy technician at a pharmacy.

5. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising the patient paying for at least a portion of the therapeutic agent at the dispenser.

6. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the unique authorization code is unique to the prescription and only associated with a single prescription.

7. (Currently Amended)   A method comprising:

    providing a dispenser containing an inventory of therapeutic products;

    transmitting a proposed prescription for a patient to a server;

    authorizing dispensing of at least a portion of the proposed prescription out of the
inventory in the dispenser if the prescription includes at least one therapeutic product available in
the inventory of the dispenser;

    providing to the patient an authorization code unique to the authorized prescription, the
authorization code not capable of being reused for prescriptions other than the authorized
prescription;

    the patient inputting the authorization code into the dispenser and the patient entering
separate patient authorization data into the dispenser;

    the dispenser determining whether the authorization code correlates to the patient
authorization data; and

    the patient being able to selectively cancel the transaction and after cancelling the
transaction, receiving a traditional prescription, wherein when the patient cancels the transaction,
the traditional prescription is printed by the dispensing apparatus; and

    if the patient does not cancel the transaction, the dispenser delivering the available
therapeutic product to the patient in response to the patient inputting the authorization code.

8. (Original)   The method of claim 7, wherein the authorization step is done without the
intervention of a pharmacist.

9. (Original)   The method of claim 7, wherein the patient receives the therapeutic agent from
the dispenser without the intervention of a pharmacist.

10. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the authorization code is given to the patient by a
health care provider at a health care facility.

11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein the authorization code is given to the patient by a
pharmacist or pharmacy technician at a pharmacy.

12-17. (Canceled)